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## **REMARKS**

Following entry of the amendment, claims 1-50 will have been cancelled, and new claims 51-70 will have been added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims define over the previously applied prior art, at least because each of the independent claims (51, 58, and 65) recites the use of a first module that is usable with a plurality of different contexts, a plurality of second modules where each one is usable in a different context, a label that identifies the context, and a retrieval or selection of the module for a particular context based on the label. Moreover, the label constitutes at least the name of the user of the program, such that different users use different second modules with the same first module. Moreover, dependent claims further call for the label to contain certain types of context information as recited in those claims (e.g., claims 52, 53, 54, 55, 59, 60, 61, 62, 66, 67, and 68). Furthermore, certain dependent claims recite that the second module only performs actions in response to events signified by the first module (claims 56, 63, and 69), and other dependent claims call for the publishing of both an interface to the events signified by the first module and a format for the label that is used to identify the second modules (claims 57, 64, and 70). These features, as claimed, are not taught or suggested by the previously applied prior art.

Additionally, applicants note that new claims 51-70 do not constitute new matter because they are supported by the specification at least by page 20, line 15 through page 24, line 11, and Figs. 7-11.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that this case is in condition for allowance, and request early and favorable action on the merits.

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